1	2	3	4	5	6
18	Tamil Nadu	37452	1045.86	28643	980.62
19	Tripura	444	15.79	349	12 44
20	Uttar Pradesh	42345	1659.43	36533	1409.97
21	West Bengal	25163	897.77	19768	739.90
22	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	79	3.36	79	3.35
23	Arunachal Pradesh	..	..	..	..
24	Chandigarh	1055	29.53	523	16.19
25	Goa, Daman & Diu	403	17.00	394	16.19
26	Mizoram	120	6.00	86	4.30
27	Pondicherry	311	8.38	293	7.98
28	New Delhi.	20285	430.23	15242	361.66
	TOTAL :	339668	11646.03	277496	10110.75

*Data Provisional

Foreign Currency Assets

*452. SHRI B. SATYANARAYAN REDDY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether foreign currency assets as on November 6, 1987 were up from the level prevalent a year ago in terms of rupee and dollar but down in terms of other major currencies with which India deals;

(b) if so, what are the details of the foreign exchange reserves and foreign currency assets position with different other major currencies as on November 6, 1987; and

(c) what are the measures proposed to be taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EXPENDITURE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI B. K. GADHVI): (a) and (b) The foreign exchange reserves (excluding Gold and Special Drawing Rights) which stood at Rs. 6538.16 crores on 7th November, 1986 increased by Rs. 386.69 crores to Rs. 6924.85 crores as on 6th November, 1987. The data on aggregate foreign exchange reserves are accounted for by Reserve Bank in terms of rupees and not in terms of foreign currencies. The level of reserves in terms of other currencies would vary from time to time depending upon the exchange rates of other currencies in which our reserves are held *vis-a-vis* each other as well as with the rupee.

(c) The level of reserves is continuously kept under review with a view to ensuring that these remain at a safe level.

Rural Credit Disbursement

*453. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are evolving any scheme to encourage the involvement of local organisations and voluntary agencies in improving rural credit delivery machanism in the country; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) and

(b) A Council for Advancement of People's Action and Rural Technology (CAPART) was formed in September, 1986 and one of its objectives is to involve voluntary organisations in the implementation of projects for rural develpment. CAPART provides assistance to voluntary organizations to undertake projects, depending upon the local needs of a particular area, for the enhancement of rural prosperity.

The Government had suggested to all State Governments/Union Territories to constitute Block Level Advisory Committees and also to associate non-officials and representatives of the people with these Committees, to review the credit linked Integrated Rural Development Programme (IRDP). The banks have also been advised to review their performance in providing credit to rural areas and other activities included in the priority sector in District Level Review Committee (DLRC), which also includes some non-officials as members.

Industrial Relations Commission

*454. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal under their consideration to set up an Industrial Relations Commission; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) Industrial Relations Commissions/High-powered Tribunals, both at the Centre and in the States, are proposed to be set up as part of new set up for handling industrial relations.

(b) The Commissions will comprise judicial and non judicial members, the latter being selected from amongst persons having eminence in the fields of industry, labour and management. These Commissions are proposed to be entrusted with the functions of adjudication of industrial disputes (other than these assigned to the Labour Courts) and hearing of appeals against the orders of the Labour courts.

Checking of Smuggling

*455. SHRI R. SAMBASIVA RAO: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are setting up a Central Committee to combat smuggling;

(b) whether it is also a fact that preventive collectorates are being set up along the Indo-Pak, Indo-Nepal and Indo-Burma borders with special emphasis to detect smuggling of gold, synthetic yarn and synthetic fabric respectively from across the borders of these countries; and

(c) whether smuggling of drugs is also to be checked; if not, what are the reasons therfor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EXPENDITURE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI B. K. GADHVI): (a) The Hon'ble Member is presumably referred to setting up of a Central Committee of Senior Officers of agencies concerned with anti-smuggling work as directed by the Hon'ble Finance Minister during the Conference of Collectors of Customs on anti-smuggling work which was convened at Delhi on 17th September, 1987. The Committee consisting of senior officials of Directorate of Revenue Intelligence, the Coast Guard, the Border Security Force and the Department of Revenue has been constituted under Finance Ministry's orders dated 21st October, 1987. It would enable the agencies concerned to exchange information and to take co-ordinated action so that the total anti-smuggling effort is strengthened.

(b) A proposal for general restructuring of the Customs and Central Excise Department is under consideration.